(5) औद्योगिक प्रयोजनों के लिए जल का मूल्य निर्धारित करने के सम्बन्ध में दिशा निर्देश ।

(6) सिंचाई क्षेत्र में संगठन और प्रक्रिया संबंधी परिवर्तन ।

(7) सिंचाई प्रबन्ध नीति और

(8) राज्यों के बीच अन्तर्राज्यीय नदियों का जल आबंटन ।

सरकार की पूर्व व्यस्तता के कारण राष्ट्रीय जल संसाधन परिषद की बैठक सितम्बर, 1987 के बाद से नहीं हो सकी है ।

(ग) से (ङ) जी नहीं । सरकार सम्बंधित राज्य सरकारों के साथ सौहार्दपूर्ण तरीके से लम्बित अन्तर्राज्यीय जल विवादों को बातचीत के जरिए हल करने के सभी प्रयास कर रही है । जब बातचीत से लाभदायक परिणाम नहीं निकलते हैं तो जल विवादों को संविधान के अनुच्छेद 262 के अंतर्गत बनाये गये अन्तर्राज्यीय जल विवाद अधिनियम, 1956 के अंतर्गत स्थापित किए गए जल-विवाद अधिकरणों के पास अधिनिर्णय हेतु भेजे जाते हैं । केन्द्रीय सरकार ने अब ये पांच अंतर्राज्यीय जल विवाद अधिकरण नियुक्त किए हैं :

(1) गोदावरी जल-विवाद अधिकरण,

(2) कृष्णा विवाद अधिकरण,

(3) नर्मदा जल विवाद अधिकरण,

(4) रावी-व्यास जल अधिकरण, और

(5) कावेरी जल विवाद अधिकरण इनमें से चार अधिकरण नामश: कृष्णा, गोदावरी, नर्मदा और रावी-व्यास जल अधिकरण अपने-अपने निर्णय पहले ही दे चुके हैं ।

अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ परस्पर सहमत आधार पर अन्तर्राज्यीय जल विवादों को हल करने के तरीकों पर विचार करने के लिए अप्रैल, 1990 में सरकार द्वारा जल संसाधन मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में राष्ट्रीय जल संसाधन परिषद् की स्थायी समिति का भी गठन किया गया ।

Central assistance for construction of check dams

5187. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal for the Central assistance for the construction of check dams;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) Check dams are generally constructed across gullies, nallas etc. in the catchment area of the rivers for soil and water conservation. Government of Gujarat has not sent any proposal exclusively for construction of check dams to the Central Government. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of soil conservation in the catchments of river valley projects, an amount of Rs. 182.50 lakhs has been released by the Central Government to the Government of Gujarat during the year 1993-94 for soil & water conservation measures including check dams in the catchments of Dantiwada, Mahi, Ukai and Damanganga in Gujarat.

Special meeting of Chief Ministers to break the dead lock on SSP

5188. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister had called a special meeting of Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh to break the deadlock on the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) on Narmada river;

(b) if so, whether the main points discussed in the meeting were rehabilitation of dam oustees as well as technical aspects of the project;

(c) if so, whether the Centre asked the States concerned to fully implement the

environmental protection measures and ensure that affected families were rehabilitated;

(d) if so, whether differences continued to persist among the States about the modalities of the rehabilitation of the Koustees;

(e) if so, what were the main differences in this regard; and

(f) to what extent all the outstanding issues were settled during the meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (f) Discussions in the meeting taken by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Minister of Environment & Forests on 12-1-1994 centred around the release of 1500 hectares of forest land for resettlement and rehabilitation of Sardar Sarovar Project affected families in Maharashtra and also for the continuance of the work of Sardar Sarovar Project. It was felt that the work on Sardar Sarovar Project should proceed and all that was required to be done on priority in all areas likely to be permanently submerged must be completed on time and this should be worked out by the Ministries and the States. It was also agreed to dereserve 1500 hectares of additional forest land in Maharashtra for rehabilitation, in the special circumstances of the case. The modalities of rehabilitation of the oustees of the Sardar Sarovar Project were not discussed in the meeting.

Priority to Sprinkler and Drip Irrigation

5189. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Water Development Agency convention held in February, 1994 has recommended that sprinkler and drip irrigation should receive high priority to conserve water consumption in scarce and drought prone areas;

(b) if so, whether it has also recommended a need to enact legislation to regulate the use of ground water to avoid over-exploitation and use of trans-border acquifers;

(c) if so, whether concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out by the Ministry in consultation with the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government is likely to implement these schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Fifth National Water Convention held in February, 1994 does not include any specific suggestion regarding the use of sprinkler and drip irrigation. However, its recommendations include Legislation to regulate the use of ground water, especially for avoiding over exploitation and use of trans boundary acquifers. Also artificial recharge schemes have been recommended in over exploited areas by suitable methods.

(c) to (e) It is for the action by the State Governments.

Guidelines to improve efficiency of irrigation systems

5190. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several policy guidelines were formulated during 1987 to improve efficiency of irrigation systems;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to non-implementation of the guidelines the performance of irrigation system was far below the expectations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the gross revenue is currently below the working expenses, occurring the deficit of over Rs. 1,200 crores; and

(d) what steps Government proposed to take to improve irrigation systems and make them economically viable ?